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Washington State Patrol Fallen Officers Memorial Service

Chief Lowell Porter announced today that the 18th annual Washington State Patrol Fallen Officers Memorial Service would be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2004. This Memorial Service will commence at 9:30 a.m. in the courtyard of the State Patrol Academy in Shelton. "This Memorial Service recognizes the men and women of the Washington State Patrol who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting and serving the citizens of the state of Washington," stated Chief Porter. Governor Gary Locke is also scheduled to attend and speak at the Memorial Service. During the inception of the State Patrol in 1921 to present, 26 officers have fallen in the line of duty. To view the names and circumstances surrounding the deaths of these fallen heroes, go to <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/newsfaqs/wspmemor.htm#duty>. The WSP Honor Guard will be present to execute a 21-gun salute and perform Taps.

A new memorial wall with the fallen officers' names inscribed and internal flame will also be unveiled. This wall was funded by the Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation (<http://www.wspmf.org>).

Immediately following the Memorial Service, there will be an awards ceremony recognizing some of the outstanding employees of 2003. The following recipients will receive departmental awards:

Trooper of the Year

Trooper Steven J. Gardner, Bremerton

District Troopers of the Year

Trooper Charles B. Arnold, Tacoma
Trooper Jeffery C. Martin, Bellevue
Trooper Shane M. Nelson, Yakima
Trooper Barry A. Marcus, Spokane
Trooper Michael D. Kesler, Vancouver
Trooper Paul M. Woodside, Wenatchee
Trooper Sean M. O'Connell, Marysville

Certified Technical Specialist Trooper of the Year

Trooper James R. Major, Bremerton

District Certified Technical Specialist Troopers of the Year

Trooper Bruce E. Lantz, Tacoma
Trooper Jeffrey N. Rhue, Bellevue
Trooper Rocky L. Miller, Yakima
Trooper James A. Hays, Spokane
Trooper Marc E. Boardman, Vancouver
Trooper Daniel W. Dale, Wenatchee
Trooper Sean M. O'Connell, Marysville

Detective of the Year

Detective Richard A. Beghtol, Investigative Assistance Division

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer of the Year

CVEO1 Raymond J. Demarest, Yakima

District Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers of the Year

CVO 1 Kevin E. Balcom, Bellevue
CVEO 1 James D. Halle, Spokane
CVEO 1 Gary F. Krause, Vancouver
CVEO 2 Terry L. Cox, Wenatchee
CVEO 2 Michael J. Williams, Marysville
CVEO 2 Willi King, Olympia

Communications Officer of the Year

CO 2 Lance E. Steggell, Spokane

District Communications Officers of the Year

CO 1 Lori H. Smith, Tacoma
CO 1 Monica D. Kirby, Bellevue
CO 1 Christine L. Cupp, Yakima
CO 1 Thomas R. Adams, Vancouver
CO 1 LaDeana L. Lisenbey, Wenatchee
CO 1 Cindie R. Holmes, Marysville
CO 1 Marka H. Segrest, Bremerton

Agency Merit System Employee of the Year

Stephanie R. Bryant, Investigative Services Bureau

Bureau Merit System Employees of the Year

Becky L. Anderson, Technical Services Bureau
Ronald D. Bowen, Fire Protection Bureau
Sandra Distefano, Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau
Angella R. Gill, Management Services Bureau
Danny R. St. Pierre, Field Operations Bureau

For further information on any award recipient, please contact the local WSP district office.

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